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EDITORIALS

I LIKE ROACHES!

Sure I'm peculiar, but actually my liking roaches is not mark of peculiarity. Of course, it all depends on what kind roaches you think of, anyway. The kind I am thinking is not the kind that creeps through cracks into meal d flour bins, walks with pride over your pie, and goes ring, without bathing suits on, right slap-ke-dab into ur milk or tea. Neither do I like the audacious kind that espassed on Brother Lee Bell's (our printing foreman's) ugh drops the other night, while he was sick with a ld, and soon found himself incarcerated within the con- es of his throat, so completely upsetting his Adam's ple that he turned the light on and heaved him out. t took Brother Bell several days to get to feeling just ht in his solar plexus.)

No, that's not the kind of roach I hold in high esteem. e Roaches I like are the upright, big-hearted ones that e at Areal Mill, Easley, S. C., and it looks as if they will ntinue gracing that community with their presence until ath takes them away.

It was good to see this fine family, as well as all the fam- s that I became acquainted with while pastoring the urch at Easley, S. C., in 1933. A number of the Roaches re saved during that year, and Earl was one of them. He s served successfully as pastor of several churches since en. It was my privilege to spend the night with him, wife, two daughters, and son Junior, on Saturday, bruary 19. A lovely family of Roaches.

NORTH GREENVILLE CHURCH

It was a genuine delight to be with Rev. W. L. Edgar, stor, in service at North Greenville, S. C., on the night February 20, also to be entertained in his good home at night.

When I tell you that I had kins-people and friends in e congregation whom I hadn't seen in twenty years, and at I was speaking within a few blocks of where I spent childhood days, you can easily realize I was a bit ntimental. Why, the mother of Willie Vest, who was my e and playmate, was there; Willie was a little plumper an I was, and I could outrun him in a race, but when it me to getting into mischief, we were generally like the d-dust twins; and many times we stood before the bar justice together, where our mothers were the high and al tribunal that meted out justice to us. But these ings are echoes from the past. Willie, I was told, passed to his reward a few years ago. Such is life!

"I'LL GET BY"

The bus pulled into the Cartersville station and a would- passenger rolled his wheel chair up to the steps for mission. This was evidently the driver's first meeting h Richard and he was greatly nonplused.

"Have you been riding the bus?"

"Sure."

Still puzzled, the driver asked, "How can I get you on?"

"You just hold my chair and I'll show you," Richard said h determination, but not resentful. Then he climbed the s on all fours, pulled up on the landing, made a complete twirl like a fish floundering, and flopped up on the first seat. It was done with tremendous effort, while all of us passengers were twisting, squirming, sympathizing, and at least one was praying for him.

But Richard, the paralytic victim, was now as composed and complacent as he had been courageous in boarding the bus. It was now perfectly obvious that he belonged to the highest and most noble bracket of the physically handicapped. His demeanor proved that action does speak louder than words, for his action said, with definiteness, "This is my lot for life. I am restricted to the wheel chair. My means of making a living are limited to selling shoe-strings, pencils, razor blades, etc.; but I am not tired of living, and I am not soured on the world, either." His smiles and quick cherry answer, "I'll get by," to the number of passengers acquainted with him, who asked, "How are you doing, Richard" settled the fact irrevocably in my mind that nothing could prevent a person with such indomitable courage "getting by," and that such as Richard make many of the more physically fortunate look ridiculous by their cheerful attitude toward life.

DASTARDLY AND DEVILISH

When a group of individuals deputize themselves with the authority to don hoods and take a person from his home, wife, and children in the darkness of night, and beat him brutally, as it is reported a gang did Bill Howard, of Chattanooga, Tenn., be they K.K.K. or not, they are *dastardly and devilish.*

"The spokesman," Mrs. Howard said, "accused Bill of cursing his seventy-year-old mother and spending her old age pension check for liquor." But "that's not so," and Bill denied it, but all reasoning and pleading was of no avail. The *gang's* law must be executed, so Bill was struck across the nose for his denials. Then his trousers were removed, and while he was held in the shape of a barrel, the belt was brutally laid on his back.

No matter what Bill Howard had done, *two wrongs never make a right;* therefore, regardless of whether or not Bill was guilty, there is certainly *no doubt* that the *mob* of *raiders* and *self-licensed administrators* of justice were guilty of a heinous, unjustifiable atrocity. Is that 100 per cent Americanism that the K.K.K. requires of candidates for membership? If so, hoodlums from any criminal gang are eligible to become model members of the order.

HOW TO BE WRETCHED

1. Take offense easily.
2. Do not forgive readily.
3. Think and plan mostly for self.
4. Carry a chip on your shoulder.
5. Imagine that others intended to slight you.
6. Do not rejoice in the success of your rival.
7. Never apologize, but always insist that you are right.
8. Do not practice self-denial.
9. Give only enough to ease your conscience, but not your full share.
10. Take inward satisfaction in hearing about the misfortune of others.

A Happy Surprise for You

Message From Former General Overseer and Editor S. W. Latimer

At the invitation of Brother Bright I am giving a message to the readers of the *Evangel.*

For many years the *Evangel* has carried the truth to the people in and around Cleveland and other sections of the country. I have always admired the *Evangel* for its boldness in declaring the truth as we see it in the Bible. The paper has been blessed in many ways by its different editors, and especially has it had many opportunities lately of becoming one of the greatest declarations of truth. In fact, the Church has made rapid progress on every line, and especially have we had able men as editors that were able to declare the whole counsel of God.

We all believe that the coming of Jesus is the next great event, and I am sure it will bring quite a surprise to many people. It is an event that should be well studied. The people should be warned to look forward to the great coming of the Lord. There are many statements in the Bible which make it plain that the coming of Jesus to catch away His people is near. We don't know the day nor the hour when He will come, but we are sure His coming is near. Right at this time the people need to be careful and prayerful and prepare themselves for the greatest event in all the world's history. It will be a glorious day when Jesus makes His appearance and the devil is bound and cast into prison. I believe there will be more people ready to meet Him than we think. At the same time, we should be very careful to understand and to say the things that would be pleasing in His sight.

I used to sit and meditate on the Scriptures for hours, and it seems that I just got along fine, but of late years I haven't been able to go into deep thought and explain the Scriptures as I used to do. But I believe the time will come, soon, when all those who are ready will be caught up to be with the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. It is a most glorious thought that we will be delivered from Satan with all of his power and enjoy the presence of the Lord forever.

I am sick in body and am not physically able to say what I should like to say to the people who are making themselves ready for the greatest event in all the world. Jesus will come with ten thousands of His saints to execute judgment and deliver His people from this awful enemy that has had sway over the human mind so long. "To those who look for him shall he appear without sin unto salvation" is our promise. We believe this is a true saying and thousands of people will be ready, while on the other hand there will be thousands who will not be ready. As I lay on my bed, suffering in body, trying to exercise the use of my mind, it is hard to say what I want to say, but it is wonderful to know He loved us and gave Himself for us and washed us in His own blood.

To all my friends scattered abroad: I want to warn you to be careful and retain no evil or selfishness in your heart lest that day come upon you unaware. I have always prayed for the Lord to help me to have a forgiving heart, and that is what it will take to be acceptable in His sight. I haven't exercised the use of my mind and thoughts lately on these things and have just passed over them rather lightly, but it is a serious thing when you think about the great love and power of God coming like a mighty flash and taking us to be with Him.

I have always said that the Church is the greatest institution in the world, and I am thoroughly convinced that it is. I want to extend an invitation to all those who want to be blessed of God and be in the right place, to consider the Church as the greatest institution in all the world.

I haven't words to express my appreciation to those who have stood by me and worked with me in the days that have passed and gone. About all I am interested in now i that those who are in the Church a have found the great blessing of G may stand true until Jesus com Of course, there will be many tri and hardships, but Paul said, "...G is faithful, who will not suffer you be tempted above that ye are abl but will with the temptation a make a way to escape, that ye m be able to bear it."

I wish to ask a special interest the prayers of the people for t healing of my body. I have had s eral hard spells lately that made feel I wouldn't be here long. I a preciate the Church and its offici more than one can tell, and I sta ready to witness for the Church a the body of Christ, to tell the world is the best institution I know abo I have a longing to be well enou just to sit and look and admire t laborers and rejoice with them their victory. We have had a great r vival in Cleveland and many thi it is the best one we have ever h but I suppose we all think the l one is the best. I have heard so ma good things over the radio that makes me rejoice to know how G is leading His people on to victo I have always tried to keep my closely in touch with the Lord so th I could retain the love of God in fullest extent, for if we miss hea we have missed everything.

It seems that it is almost imp sible for the world to have peace, there will come a time when we have everlasting peace, a peace t will never end. It certainly is eno to make us rejoice when we th about these wonderful blessings. just couldn't afford to miss them have been afraid at times that people were putting too much time education and not enough time prayer, but we are not capable judge other people on those lines, we hope that the Lord in His me will extend to the seekers of tr clear minds and make them und

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Oh, Praise the Lord

EVARTS, Ky.—I thank the Lord for the Holy Ghost and for His healing.

In 1923, the day after I was saved, the Lord healed me of severe nervousness that kept me in ill health for three or four years so that I was unable to work much of the time.

About 1929, I had a severe case of influenza. As we lived about ten miles from the pastor, I had my wife write him a letter asking him to pray for my healing. When I awoke next morning I was completely healed and wanted something to eat; then I helped my wife scrub and did a big shift of work at the mines that night and felt fine.

A year later I was bedfast again with influenza, on Christmas Eve. I didn't even have a spirit to pray. However, I didn't take any medicine but trusted the Lord. I didn't know anything to do but pray. Soon I was sitting up in bed and was instantly healed.

In April of this year I began praying earnestly for the Holy Ghost. For twenty-five years I had prayed, but began with a determination this time to pray through. The victory came, and the Lord blessed me wonderfully with the Holy Ghost. Just ten minutes before, He had given the Holy Ghost to my ten-year-old daughter.

For three or four nights following such a wonderful blessing, I suffered from heart trouble, unable to sleep at night. I went to the people of the church and asked them to pray. Again the Lord healed me instantly. The victory will come only after you've made up your mind to have it. W. O. McLain.

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DREW, Miss.—I want to fulfill my promise to God that if He would heal my son's hand I would write and praise His name, and He did. My son was in a car wreck and his hand was crushed. He was sent to a hospital and was to be operated on at 9:00 a.m. The doctor told him he was sure his hand would have to be taken off and there was not much hope of saving his life. It seemed as if the Lord said to me, "Trust Me." I began to pray in earnest and I felt that my son's hand would be spared. I went to see him that night and he was suffering very little. He came home the 5th day and the doctor said it was remarkable how fast his hand had healed. It really pays to trust God for He has promised never to forsake us. He has been my Healer for 30 years. A few days ago He healed a bad sore on my face. Pray for my boys that they may live better lives, and that I will always do the will of God.—Mrs. Hattie Miller.

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DODD CITY, Texas.—We praise God for His great healing power. Some months past our youngest son drank some sweet milk and ate some popcorn balls and soon began cramping. He suffered quite a bit. Knowing that popcorn and sweet milk had caused the death of a good friend of my husband made it even more serious. It was decided to see if the doctor could help him but on the way to town my son said he felt that the Lord had saved him. When we got to town the doctor couldn't find anything wrong. Oh how thankful I am for such a great Physician. Three of my children and I were sick a short time apart and were thought to be poisoned. Many of our friends came in and earnest prayers were offered and God came to our rescue. About thirty-three years ago the Lord gave me the Holy Ghost. God has meant much to me down through life.—Mrs. J. C. Atkins.

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CRAB ORCHARD, W. Va.—I am glad to say the Lord has healed me through His grace and power. I can now walk and it has been three months since I had a stroke. The Lord is the same as He was when He was here on earth. I praise Him for healing me and for filling me with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Bessie McKinney.

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JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His many blessings. I promised Him a week or so ago that if He would heal my mother I would testify to it and He has wonderfully touched her body. She is seventy years old and was suffering with heart trouble and other things. She was swelling and smothering until she had to be propped up in bed to get her breath. I called on God's people to pray and she is much better. Please continue to pray for her. Pray for me and my loved ones that are in sin.—Mrs. Clyde Atkins.

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PRINCETON, W. Va.—I would like to put on paper what I feel in my heart. It might help some pilgrim on his way. Although the way is clear, for Jesus says, "I am the Way," sometimes our troubles and trials are pretty hard. But Jesus will help us, praise His sweet name. There is nothing too big for God to handle, I know. He knows our hearts and I am so glad He does. I want to be remembered in prayer for the healing of my body.—Mrs. Lloyd Nichols.

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PLYMOUTH, N. C.—We thank the Lord for what has been done in Plymouth. We have a little band of seventeen saints. Our Sunday School averages forty-five and we have more than fifty in the Y. P. E. The people here are very nice and friendly. Pray for us to be able to purchase a lot on which to build a church. We have a tent which cost over four hundred dollars, but we want to keep on keeping on. Pray for us.—T. L. and Mrs. Little.

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NEWPORT, Ind.—I praise God for saving me when I was only ten years old in 1893. The Lord has wonderfully kept me through these many years. He gave me the precious Holy Ghost twenty-eight years ago and I find the Comforter more real every day.—Mattie Clospell, Pastor.

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HOPEWELL, Va.—We have just closed a very successful revival, with the Reverend B. F. Savage as the evangelist. He preached the truth from night to night. A number were saved and sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church, and there are a number of prospective members. The church was revived and God is still blessing souls in the services. I recommend Brother Savage to any church.—C. S. McGuire, Pastor.

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CLOSPLINT, Ky.—We have just closed a revival, wth the Reverend F. R. Harrawood as the evangelist. He preached some wonderful messages, which did the church good. There were eleven saved and five filled with the Holy Ghost. We are expecting some to come into the church. Pray for our good pastor, the Reverend E. L. Richardson, and the church that God will help us to go over the top.—Evelyn Cressa, Clerk.

Some Things to Think About

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DR. A. C. GAEBELEIN

The Roman Catholic Church, claiming that she started on the day of Pentecost, is the product of many centuries and is still in the making. New inventions are added from time to time. We give a list of dates during which the different inventions were introduced:

Prayers for the dead commenced, about 310 A. D.

Wax candles introduced, about 320 A. D.

Worship of saints and angels, about 375 A. D.

Mass first adopted, about 394 A. D.

Worship of Mary began to develop, 431 A. D.

Priests began to dress differently from the laity, 500 A. D.

The doctrine of purgatory taught, 503 A. D.

The pretentions of the Pope to supremacy; Boniface III gets the title of "Universal Bishop" and thus becomes the first Pope, 606 A. D.

Feasts in honor of the Virgin Mary, 650 A. D.

Kissing the Pope's foot, 709 A. D.

Worship of images and relics authorized, 783 A. D.

Holy Water invented (a mixture of salt and water blessed by the priest), 850 A. D.

Worship of St. Joseph, about 890 A. D.

Canonization of saints, 993 A. D.

Feasts for the dead instituted, 1003 A. D.

Celibacy of the priesthood decreed, 1074 A. D.

The doctrine of the infallibility of the Church, 1076 A. D.

Prayer beads invented, 1090 A. D.

The origin of the Inquisition, 1184 A. D.

The sale of indulgences, 1199 A. D.

The wafer substituted for bread in the Lord's Supper, 1200 A. D.

Confession instituted, 1215 A. D.

Transsubstantiation adopted, 1215 A. D.

Adoration of the water (Host), 1220 A. D.

Hand bell used during mass, 1245-A. D.

Cardinals ordered to wear red hats, 1245 A. D.

The Ave Maria, 1316 A. D.

Roman tradition placed on the same level as Scriptures, 1546 A. D.

The aprocryphal books recieved into the sacred canon, 1546 A. D.

The immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary, 1854 A. D.

The doctrine of the temporal power of the Pope proclaimed, 1864 A. D.

Infallibility of the Pope decreed, 1870 A. D.

Pius X's encylical on mixed marriages, condemning as null and void all marriages between two Catholics, or a Catholic and a Protestant, if not celebrated by a priest, 1908 A. D.

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U. S. BIBLE DISTRIBUTION 9,300,000 IN PAST YEAR

The Bible is still the best seller.

A total of approximately 9,300,000 Bibles were distributed in the United States last year, the Reverend Frank Wilson of the American Bible Society, New York, told Episcopal convention delegates here yesterday.

He said an increase of one-third in the society budget would be necessary to meet world-wide requests for 1949.

Some 2,000,000 copies went to Germany last year, and materials were sent to that country for printing another 2,000,000, Mr. Wilson said.

A total of 1,500,000 Bibles were sent to Japan last year, he added.

Translations in whole or part of 1,092 languages and dialects are available, he asserted. Some manuscript has not been printed because of lack of money during the past year, the minister stated.

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North Carolina Baptists, holding their 118th annual session, heard reports that total gifts to the State's churches during the past year were approximately $15,000,000. Of this, $12,000,000 went for expenses of the local churches and $3,000,000 went for missions and benevolences, including state and Southern convention causes. Dr. F. Orion Mixon, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, was elected president of the convention, succeeding Rev. John W. Suttle, Shelby.

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The Methodist Church plans to 2,000,000 new members in the ne four years. At a conference of th denomination's secretaries, a thr fold program, including visitation a pulpit and public evangelism, aim at acquiring 400,000 new members 1949, 500,000 in each of 1950 and 19 and 600,000 in 1952 was adopted. U der the visitation evangelism phase the program, it was proposed th eighty area conferences and are wide schools of evangelism rea 25,000 Methodist pastors who, in tu would train 500,000 laymen "to pr sent the cause of Christ in the home

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COMMUNISM IS GODLESS

In a brief preamble, the report a serted that Communism's "Godle humanism has won adherents an inspired many of them with a pa sionate devotion almost religious quality."

"Not since the spread of Islam the seventh and eighth centuries," stated, "has the church met such combination of fanatical zeal and po litical expansionism."

By comparison, it added, "the re ligions which have been the principa obstacles to the spread of Christianit have become far less important fo the missionary."

A "pro-Christian; not anti-Com munist," approach to the problem wa urged, but the report warned again a "wait and see attitude" on the par of the church.

"A small beginning and slow prog ress is not to be feared," it said, bu "to stand still at this time is to ris losing perhaps our greatest Christia opportunity by default."

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CHRISTIANS CONTINUE FIGHT

The ministry of the Christia church in Communist-dominate areas, the report stressed, is so urgen that it must be continued regardless of any prohibiting circumstances.

"It might even be necessary, in given area," it was declared, "for th Christian church to sever all ties wit its mother church and become en tirely independent."

The report proposed that speci courses on Marxist philosophy b made available to new missionaries students from overseas, and mission aries on furlough.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

AY FOR:

The healing of my body; my son and daughto be healed; my family to be saved.—Mrs. Aaron, Jefferson, Ga.

y wife to be healed; my salvation.—Carl J. h, Dayton, Ohio.

e to be healed of stomach trouble.—Mattie rn, Laurinburg, N. C.

he healing of my body.—Miss Florence er, Mount Airy, N. C.

he healing of my body.—Mrs. Myrtle Rylee, rkeville, Ark.

od to heal me of tumors or cancers in my ost.—John D. Edwards, Lenoir, N. C.

little girl to be healed of attacks of apendicitis, and that she will receive the Holy ost.—Mrs. J. S. Crout, Columbia, S. C.

y husband and me; we both have T.B.—. Lois Doss, Kimberly, Ala.

he healing of my body.—Mrs. Dortha Ward, chmore, Tenn.

y head to be healed.—Mrs. Nettie Garrett-. Stephenson, W. Va.

y husband and son to be saved; me that might live closer to the Lord.—Mrs. B. M. nson, Old Fort, N. C.

y husband to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Helms, Charlotte, N. C.

he healing of my arm.—Mrs. L. W. Strickd, Jasper, Fla.

od to heal my husband and me.—Mrs. nk Hall, Bastian, Va.

y baby to be healed.—A Reader, Elizabeth-n, Tenn.

y loved ones; Mrs. Austin Jones to be aled of heart trouble.—Mrs. Julia Jones, hia, Fla.

ur daughter to be healed of rheumatic ver.—Mr. and Mrs. Shelby J. Ruff, Pampa, xas.

My loved ones to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. H. E. Shivers, Mount Dora, Fla.

My boy to be healed; my aunt who is in the T.B. hospital.—Mrs. Nellie Lyda, Woodruff, S. C.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. Roxie Melton, Monroe, N. C.

My husband to be healed of cancer; my sister-in-law; my son who has ulcerated stomach. —Mrs. John B. Friend, Swanton, Md.

My son to be saved and healed.—Mrs. J. A. Brown, Alabama City, Ala.

God to save my husband and my children.—Mrs. Handy Brantley, Bailey, N. C.

God to heal my nerves.—Mrs. Dora Dodson, Bonne Terre, Mo.

The healing of my body; our little girl to be healed.—Mrs. Sarah Goble, Canton, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Birthene Lee, Empire, Ala.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith to be healed.—Mrs. G. B. Smith, Doddsville, Miss.

My unsaved loved ones.—Reenie Owen, Fruithurst, Ala.

My daughter to be healed of stomach and liver trouble.—Mrs. Arthur Day, Eldorado, Ill.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. H. L. Tucker, Hicksville, Ohio.

Me to be healed.—Anna Hesson, Carmi, Ill.

My friend to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Coldwater, Miss.

My husband to be sanctified and healed of high blood pressure.—Mrs. C. Fulkerson, Pineville, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. M. E. Black, Valdosta, Ga.

My boy who has recently gone blind.—Dollie Layne, Whitwell, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mary Starns, Rochelle, Ill.

REPORT OF L. W. W. B. WORK IN BRADSHAW, WEST VIRGINIA

Our L. W. W. B., which has been active for some time, was reorganized on October 22, with eleven members taking a talent of one dollar each. On January 22, our contest closed with a special program at the Church. The Iaeger Brass Band rendered several numbers, and there were a number of other musical numbers, including a Swedish number by Brother Blom, accompanied by Sister Yorkman at the piano. There was a fine crowd in attendance and a good altar service.

MRS. PAUL H. WALKER, STATE PRESIDENT

Nine of the contestants brought in a total of $257.96. The other two have not reported as yet, due to sickness. The offering and pledges amounted to $104.70, making the total for the night $357.96. Sister Fanny Dove brought in $101, winning first prize. Sister Louise Waters brought in $68 and won second prize. The awards were silver trophies. Sister Olaf Muncy was the third highest, with $41.

The five contestants who brought in the lowest amount are serving a covered-dish supper at the home of Ruby Sutherland for the entire club and their husbands. Sister Lula Evans is our superintendent and Sister Yorkman her assistant. Our Band is working very hard to build some Sunday School rooms for our Church as they are badly needed due to the increase in Sunday School attendance. We covet your prayers that our work at Bradshaw will continue to grow and prosper for the Lord. —Mrs. Raymond Baker, Reporter.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

BYRD

Mrs. Linnie Stephens Byrd, wife of Rev. James A. Byrd retired minister of the Church of God, passed away February 14 after a lingering illness. Sister Byrd was sixty-one years of age. She was saved at the age of sixteen and lived a consecrated life until her death. Having been the wife of a minister, she knew the privations and problems of the ministry. Her earthly toil is over and she has gone to be with the Lord until the resurrection. She is survived by her husband, Rev. J. A. Byrd, five sons, five daughters, twenty-six grandchildren and three great grandchildren, also two brothers and one sister. — Her pastor, Harold F. Douglas, Dillon Church of God.

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WHIDDEN

Brother Willoughby Whidden was born October 18, 1887, and died November 20, 1948. He was a member of the Church of God for many years and the only deacon in our local church. He was a man of great faith in prayer and his services were in great demand in his church and the community at large. He was often called on in his ripe old age to pray for the sick and to encourage some saint who was going through a trial. About two weeks before his death the Lord especially anointed him and he sat up in the bed and gave out some wonderful words of exhortation and prophetic warnings, urging the people to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Brother Whidden is at rest, but his works live on.—W. C. Howard, Pastor, La Belle, Florida.

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PARSON

Funeral services were conducted on February 10, in Mosinee, Wisc., for Thomas Russell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Parson. His life on this earth was very brief, only a few hours, and his soul went back to his Maker. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the parents, this being their first child. Brother and Sister Parson are faithful members of the Church of God at Mosinee.—Joseph E. Cox, Pastor.

Give God a Chance

Text: Mal. 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

HOW CAN WE GIVE GOD A CHANCE?

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Many people pay some tithes, but the Bible commands us to pay all. This means salary, crops, profits from rents, interest on loans, and profits on car sales; in fact, it means tithes of everything. Can we say as Abraham, I will not hold back even a shoe latchet? It would pay big spiritual dividends to individuals and churches to take inventory and see whether we have been giving God a chance.

"Prove me NOW," not when your car is paid for, when you get a new pastor, when you are elected to the office to which you aspire, BUT NOW. "I will open you the windows of heaven." God says, "My child, the bolts still slide as easily as ever on the windows of heaven; the hinges are not rusty. You are responsible for the windows not being opened and blessings not pouring out upon your life continually. I opened the windows for Moses and the sea gave way for them. I opened them for Joshua and the walls of Jericho crumbled and fell. I opened them for the Hebrew children and quenched the violence of fire, and I will do the same for you, if you will give me a chance. My treasure house is still rich in faith, grace, and power. The deficiencies are on your side, not mine. I am ready to pour out the blessing needed to convince this apostate age, IF YOU WILL GIVE ME A CHANCE."

MIXING FAITH AND WORKS

James 2:17, "Faith without works is dead." Many people claim great faith in God, yet never do any works to prove their faith. Note James 2:18, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." In other words, James said, "It is im-

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possible for a man to have faith without producing some Christian works to prove it." WE NEED WORKS. Many a church is stunted because the members do not work. Jesus was our Example. He went about searching for someone to help, doing good. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have sat down (in the parsonage or in the porch swing) while the ten lepers were dying; but no, He went out to them, which was contrary to the law. We must put aside our feelings when dealing with humanity, if we expect to be successful ministers. Jesus cleansed the ten lepers and sent them on their way rejoicing. The real live-wire preacher and church not only live their religion, but DO THEIR RELIGION.

One preacher goes to a church and lives among his people. Seldom can you find him sitting in his easy-chair in the parsonage. He is out working continually for the Sunday School and Y. P. E., with the ministerial alliance of the city, speaking in schools, etc.; thus, his church thrives; many are saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church; his Sunday School increases each Sunday, and his Y. P. E. attendance grows rapidly. But time comes for him to move on. Another minister, who is altogether different, takes his place. He sits in the house most of the time and holds himself in reserve from his people and the public. The results are sad indeed. The Sunday School declines rapidly, the Y. P. E. dies, the Sunday night crowd dwindles, and here is about what you hear the pastor say, "These people here are ITES," meaning they have preacher religion. No, pastor, they do not have preacher religion; they just don't have a preacher.

THE CHURCH MEMBERS, also, are responsible for the progress of the church. Many members complain about not having a spiritual pastor. They contend that if they had such a pastor, their church would grow. But let the present pastor call for volunteers to pray all night for a revival, and he gets no response; he is left alone to try to pray down a revival. Let him begin to appoint an attendance committee to go out and solicit new Sunday School scholars, and he hears some of the members say, "I can't meet the public; I'm too timid." Many times those same members can outtalk a radio when they are with some church member, or to their unsaved husbands about what's wrong with the church and pastor. It has been said, "Everybody's business is nobody's business." How true this is. Sure, the Church has trouble in it; it has had trouble since its infancy. Paul was kept busy writing to and visiting the churches, trying to eliminate trouble in the church. But with all the trouble, the Church went forward last year with the fastest growth of any Protestant church in America. The building program of the Church has also soared to heights almost unbelievable; YET WE HAVE TROUBLE IN THE CHURCH. Church members, give God a chance by working with your pastor in whatever he assigns for you to do and by taking the troubles of the Church to God and the pastor instead of to others. The Church will grow if you will practice these things.

FAITH can be elevated and the unbelievable can be accomplished by mixing faith and works. Faith is the ladder over which God's messenger of help journey. It is the channel through which God's blessings flow

By
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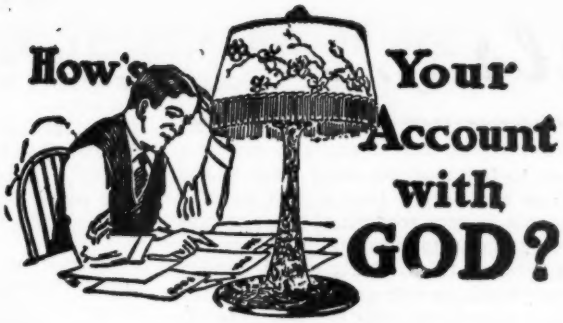
State Youth Director of Texas



How's Your Account with GOD?

Let us take the bandages from our eyes and the plugs from our ears, then we can see and hear the voice of God and help the Church go forward. Take a bottle and hold it under water. When you lift it out it contains no water. Why? Because the cork has not been removed. Could it be that our lives are not open to God's will? Faith is the soul's intake, and with the intake of faith we shall have the outlet of love and works for God and His Church.

GIVE GOD A CHANCE BY PRAYING

James 5:16, " . . . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given you; if you ask anything in my name I will do it." When Peter was put in prison because Herod wanted to please the Jews, the Church didn't meet and criticize him, neither did they have to apologize for trying to kill each other's influence; but they gathered at John Mark's house and prayed until God sent His angel and delivered Peter! The iron gate, the stocks, the guards meant nothing when God's people prayed through.

The apostles were men of prayer; they had great results. The sick were healed, the dead raised, and the Church grew daily. If we, as individuals and churches, want apostolic results, we shall have to live like the apostles and pray like the apostles. Remember, God never changes. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Let us give God a chance by praying.

IT MAY TAKE GOD TIME TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS

Isa. 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." We have too many people in the Church who faint at any sign of trouble. The pastor must carry a spiritual camphor bottle to hold under their nose, when he should be spending his time trying to win sinners to God and the Church. When a revival campaign is announced, the members begin to hurl their disheartening statements at the pastor: "You can't have a revival in this town; the people here are gospel hardened. You can't get people to attend," etc. If the truth were known, it isn't any of the above things, but church grudges, quarrels, jealousy, tattling, talking against the pastor and each other, and many other covered sins which bar a great revival from being poured out in your church. Let us all try taking inventory of our lives discarding these hindrances, and giving God a chance.

I heard of a farmer who stored nice, ripe apples for winter, but he noticed each day when his wife set out a day's supply that the fruit was decayed. He complained to her and asked for some good fruit. She said, "I am using up the bad apples first, then we shall have the good ones last." The farmer was persistent and an investigation followed. He found that every day the good wife left a few decayed apples which decayed a few of their neighbor apples, thus making it impossible for them to ever have any good fruit to eat. Just so is the church. If you cover up a fuss, grudge, backbiting, etc., it will breed ulcers of hindrance to the church. A few real prayer warriors, who will fast and pray with the pastor and evangelist, will do wonders toward breaking down these hindrances and bringing a revival. Yes, it takes God time to answer prayer in many instances, for He is dealing with the human will and in so doing He has to overthrow the idols of the heart, foil plans, etc. Just as it takes God time to paint a rose, grow an oak, mature the corn, it takes time to bring people to the place where they willingly follow His will.

GIVE GOD A CHANCE BY YIELDING TO HIM

Rom. 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." It has been said by great men, "It remains yet to be seen what God can do with a man who is fully consecrated to Him." A Christian fully yielded to God will be a fruit-bearing Christian. John 15:8, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." One day Jesus and His disciples were traveling and they were hungry. In the distance they sighted a fig tree. Jesus said to His disciples, "We shall have some nice figs to eat." But they were disappointed. Why? The tree had nothing but leaves. There are many leaf Christians in the Church—they are not yielded to God for service to the Church and the salvation of souls. They are church members, however, and attend once a week. They aren't interested in the sermon or the church program. Some of them nod while the message is being delivered. These are leaf church members. What will become of them? In Matt. 3:10 John said, "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." Church member, are you a fruit-bearing Christian? Moses stuttered and was unqualified for the task God assigned him, yet he became the deliverer of Israel. David was only a lad, but, yielded to God, he killed lions, bears, and giants. You, too, can kill the giants which hinder your church if you will yield yourself fully to God.

Paul was a persecutor of the Church, chiefest of sinners, and responsible for Christians being killed, but on the Damascus road he surrendered fully to God and became the greatest preacher of that age.

On one occasion the disciples were fishing. All night they had toiled and raised nothing but empty nets. Jesus came along and commanded them to cast their nets on the right side.

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Revivals . . .

TULLAHOMA, Tenn.—The Vine Street Church of God has just closed a good revival which ran three weeks, with Evangelist Jimmie Seigh doing the preaching. Brother Seigh did some good preaching and everyone enjoyed his messages. The crowds were good every night and conviction was manifest all over the house. There were five saved, six sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The people in the town are stirred and are looking toward the Church of God. G. R. Morris, Pastor.

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LOS ANGELES, Calif.—We thank God for the successful revival here at the South Gage Avenue church. Rev. Edward Harrison conducted it. There were sixteen saved, six sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. One Sunday afternoon during the revival there was a water baptismal service of the Los Angeles district and the South Gage Avenue District combined. Eighteen were baptized in water. Rev. I. L. Benge, pastor of Hyde Park Church, and Willis Combs, pastor of South Gage Avenue Church, did the baptizing.

We were very happy to have our state overseer, Rev. J. H. Hughes, with us for the baptismal service. He preached a very inspiring message on "Water Baptism." The sweet presence of the Holy Ghost was in our midst throughout the entire service.

During the month of December, the Sunday School attendance record was broken three times. Surely we do appreciate all God has done for us here. Since this time a year ago there have been forty additions to the church. Every department has increased.—Mrs. Willis E. Combs, Reporter.

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BELMONT, N. C., ENJOYS A WONDERFUL REVIVAL

We have just had one of the best revivals the Church of God in Belmont has had in several years. The revival continued three weeks with an outstanding attendance throughout the meeting.

On the last Sunday night of the revival we had one of the largest congregations that I have seen since coming to Belmont. So many were in the altar each night that it was hard to keep a correct account of those receiving a definite blessing. However, we did count up to thirty saved, twenty sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen added to the church, with a number expected to unite with us later.

This revival was conducted by Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Day. The songs by Brother and Sister Day will be long remembered, as their singing and music inspired the congregation from night to night. Brother Day preached some of the best sermons to which we have ever listened. Pray for our church that God will continue to bless.—W. M. Stallings, Pastor.

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GREAT REVIVAL IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

I am very happy to report the glorious revival we had here with Brother E. W. Angely as evangelist. The meeting began January 2. The Lord blessed from the very beginning until the close which was on January 30. Forty-five were saved, twenty-five sanctified, twenty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty baptized in water, and nineteen added to the church.

This was one of the best revivals I've had the pleasure of attending. Brother Angely's unique method of bringing the gospel messages so that they applied both to the Church and the unsaved was honored by God from the very start, and with Sister Angely playing the piano as only she can play is no wonder our souls were fed and fattened and sinners drawn to God.

In the altar services it was just wonderful how the Lord blessed through the power of the Holy Ghost. This certainly was no cut-and-dried revival. The songs in our song services were really ones of victory and were rendered under the leadership of our good pastor, Brother H. B. Ramsey, assisted very ably by Brother W. B. Dykes. Yes, everyone was busy at his post of duty and God blessed all our souls. We shall not soon forget this great meeting; eternity alone will tell all the good which was accomplished. Pray for us.—E. K. Center.

123 EXPERIENCES

One of the geatest revivals in the history of the Church of God in Christopher, Kentucky, has just come to a close.

The meeting, which ran four weeks, witnessed many great experiences, including a number of healings. Night after night waves of glory swept the large congregation.

Roy Dagnan

Throughout the meeting a blessed spirit of cooperation, unity and prayer prevailed among the saints. Most of the time there was a continuous daily prayer-chain going.

There were forty-two saved, thirty-nine sanctified, forty-two filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-one baptized in water, and twenty-two added to the church. The Sunday School went to 175, which is the largest in fifteen or twenty years.

Rev. Roy Dagnan was the evangelist. He is a blessed man of God, spending from fifteen to thirty minutes in the pulpit and from two to five hours daily upon his knees. His consecrated prayer life was certainly an outstanding factor in this revival. He is a full-time evangelist. He is willing to go anywhere the Lord leads. Those interested in securing his services may contact him at Walling Creek, Kentucky.

We are thankful to God that the days of great revivals are not over, but where His saints are meeting the proper conditions, old-fashioned revivals are sweeping the land.—Earl T. Golden, Pastor, *Kentucky State News*

Take Heed, Therefore, How Ye Hear

By Elbert Akin

Text: Luke 8:18, "Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have."

We find here that Jesus, in His own words, told the people to take heed how they heard the Word of God. Some people seem to think that as long as they go and hear the Word preached they are doing God's will, but brother and sister, we shall have to take notice how we hear the Word. If we don't hear right, we shall soon be found so weak until God will take away even that which we have, or what we thought we had. The devil is so full of tricks until he will not let us hear the Word as we should, and the result is that we shall be found wanting. Jesus when talking to the rich young ruler who came to Him, said, "Thou knowest the commandments. Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother." Luke 18:20. The effect was very sorrowful. The young ruler had heard the law in the right way and had put it to good use, but the outcome was sad—he wouldn't hear all that was necessary to gain the kingdom of heaven. We sometimes refuse to do the things we should because we don't hear right. Oh, if we, the children of God, would try to hear right, we would have more souls in the altar seeking God, but the failure lies with the people who profess the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. God, awaken us and let us see ourselves as we are; help us to see and hear as we should.

I am grieved to know that the common church member never gives the message they hear delivered a thought. They are on the go to see the country or some place which is not edifying to the cause of God. If only they would stop and think how Jesus suffered just for one common cause—for man and man alone! Oh, how sad it will be when they come to the end of the way and find that even what they seemed to have had is taken away. Just a simple effort would have prevented all the loss. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, but it will be too late. O, Christian people, children of God, wake up! put forth an effort to hear right. To hear right is to hear with gladness and put it into practice.

Sometimes in church we might have our minds on our work for the next week, or how we should do to hold our jobs, or how to make an advancement. Do you ever think of what Jesus told the disciples? He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." If we would only stop to think, we could hear right each time we read the Word of God; it is for our learning. Each time we hear a message it is for our learning, if we would only open our ears and hear right; but we, as people who have been chosen and separated for His cause, have been caused to sleep. The devil is ever on duty; he is seeking a place to step into our lives, and he will find one if we are not on the alert for him. Oh, let us awake to the fact that we, the laborers of God's vineyard, have a responsibility—to guard against the things of the enemy. We who have the privilege to know Jesus should be about our Master's business, ever making known the goodness of the Lord, ever singing His praises. Some day I expect to sing a wonderful song, a precious and beautiful song which even the angels can not sing. Praise His name for the blessed hope that lieth in me! Some day I shall sing the song "Victory." I shall have to hear *right* if I sing this song, so all who are in the race to the glory land, the beautiful place so bright and fair, where there will be no more heartaches, no more pain, no more sad good-byes, pray for me. There will be joy and peace forever in that eternal kingdom of God.

Editor's Note: This article will bring back memories to Brother Elbert, I am sure, since it was submitted by him in March of 1944. I found this article and felt it was worth sending on to you.

There Is a Hell

By Mrs. Eunice Sellers, Greenwood, S. C.

The preaching of hell is unwelcome to many people. A place of everlasting punishment is not a popular theme among those who love sin. In these last days, when the fundamental teachings of the Bible are considered obsolete, or old-fashioned, by modern scholars, and the great truths that once constituted the foundation of Christianity are being ruthlessly swept aside, this doctrine of hell is being scoffed at and ridiculed as a worn-out fable and superstition. This assault on the teachers of God's Word, who to many men are distasteful, is not being carried on as one might suspect, by professed infidels and atheists, but mostly by professing Christians, who claim to believe the Bible. We do not find many of these objectors denying the teachings of heaven and its eternal glories. Even preachers who are supposed to be evangelical, and whose mission it is to teach all of God's counsel, are often found ignoring this side of God's counsel. They say the day of hell-fire sermons is over; "let us preach the love of God."

It is true, we are living in the dispensation of grace, and the great theme of the Church for nineteen centuries has been the love of God for a lost world. Such is as it should be, but while the God of the Bible is a God of love, even beyond all the comprehension of man, He is not as these modern religionists would have us believe—just an indulgent father winking at transgressions of His law, tolerating all manner of sin in men, and too merciful to punish the wicked. This is a lawless age, when there is little regard for the laws of God or man; but God has never changed. He is still the God of Sinai, and His judgments which thundered forth in days of old may still be heard echoing down through the New Testament in no uncertain tones. They are sounded out in the Sermon on the Mount; they flash like fire through most of the Lord's discourses; they are written in bold letters on nearly every page of the Epistles. Modern religionists may banish the terrors of hell from their minds, and modern theologists may erase this doctrine from their revised creeds, but they can never eradicate it from God's Word. It is still written, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God," Psalm 9:17.

We have a number of discourses from the mouth of the Lord upon the future state of man. One in particular gives us a very plain account about the

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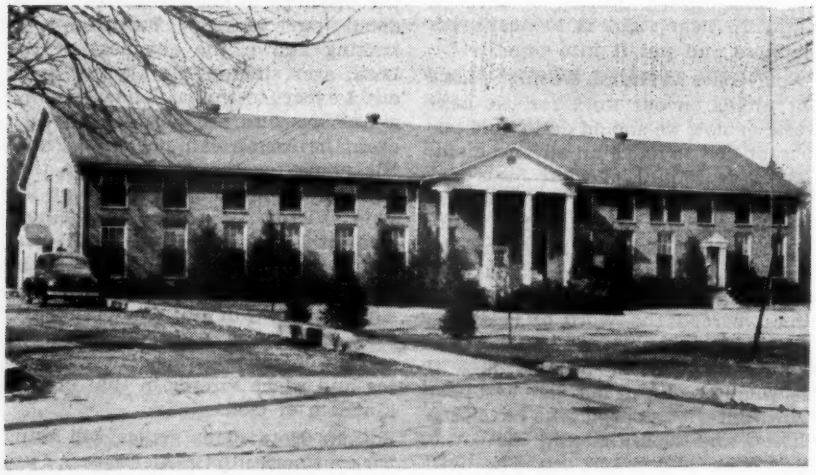
Echoes from LEE COLLEGE



VICTORY HALL—This dormitory is one of the three dormitories which are now being used by married couples and their families.

THE STUDENTS SPEAK

To arrive on a strange campus by yourself is a little frightening, but not for long at Lee College, because everyone is friendly here. Lee College is truly a spiritual college and is controlled by a Spirit-filled administration. If I ever have the opportunity to recommend a college to anyone, I want to recommend Lee College, for it certainly can give to young people what they need and help make their lives count for Jesus.—Darlene Rasmussen, South Dakota.

I consider my coming to this institution the greatest choice I have made since I accepted Christ as my Saviour and united with the Church of God. This is my second year in the religious education division and as every day passes, I appreciate more and more the opportunities offered me here in preparing myself for the ministry.—Alfred C. Sheley, Florida.

From a spiritual and educational standpoint, Lee College is a wonderful school for a Christian or non-Christian. Our religious services are inspiring to saint and sinner alike.—Raymond S. Pringle, Florida.

I was in school two years ago and I think Lee College is far better this year than it was then. The School seems to be more spiritual now.—M. F. Robinson, Alabama.

OUR READERS WRITE

Brother Bright, I have intended to write for some time and tell you I am very well pleased with the way you are handling your office as our Editor-in-Chief. I certainly appreciate your vision of the kind of material Church of God people like.

Thanks again for progress and remember that all God-loving, God-fearing rank and file are praying for you and all our brethren who are carrying the responsibilities at our Headquarters.—T. M. McLendon, overseer of Louisiana.

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Just a word about our *Evangel.* Words fail me when I try to tell what the *Evangel* has meant to me the nine years it has been in my home. I have been a regular subscriber ever since I came into the Church of God and I don't know how I would get along without it. Time after time I have put it on my body in Jesus' name and He has healed me. The good sermons mean so much to me now, as there isn't a Church of God near here. May God richly bless as you publish the best Church paper I have ever read. —Mrs. Mamie Larley, Brinkley, Ark.

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I thank God today for such a good paper full of spiritual food. I save all my *Evangels,* and collect others to give to those who do not get the paper. After they read the *Evangel* once, they want to read more.—Mrs. Robert C. Smith, Lawrenceville, Ga.

TESTIMONY

LA FRANCE, S. C.— I praise God for healing my baby and for healing in our home so many times.—Mrs. James Hunnicutt.

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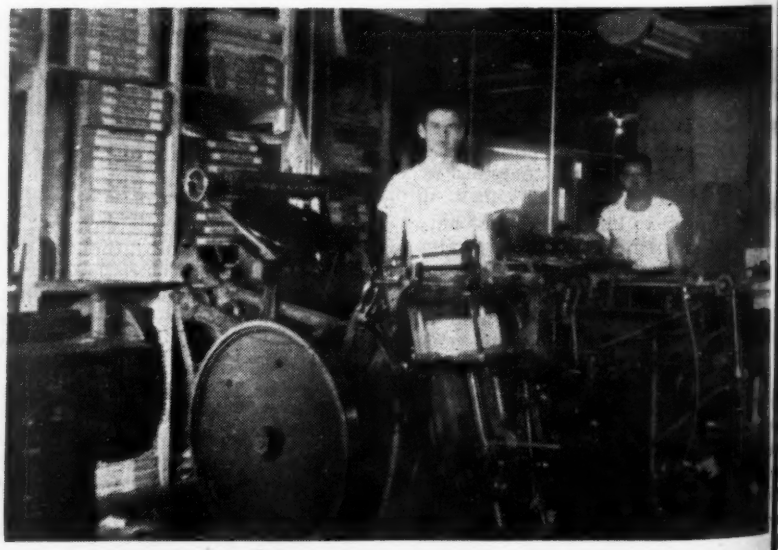

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WOOB—W. C. King,	Anniston		Sunday	8:00 a.m.
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WHPB—O. O. Philen,	Talladega		Sunday	1:00 p.m.
WMLS—Emma Newman,	Sylacauga			9:00 a.m.
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WBHB—T. W. Godwin,	Fitzgerald	1240	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
WALB—W. E. Wright,	Albany	1590	Sunday	1:30 p.m.
WFOM—B. D. Gore,	Marietta	1230	Sunday	4:00 p.m.
WRGA—Paul Stover,	N. Rome		Saturday	8:30 a.m.
			Sunday	8:00 a.m.
WLBB—Fred W. McWhorter,	Carrollton	1100	Saturday	1:00 p.m.
			Sunday	3:00 p.m.
ILLINOIS				
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KWBW—J. L. Jones,	Wichita	1450	Thursday	2:00 p.m.
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WKIC—R. W. Harris,	Hazard	130	Sunday	7:30 a.m.
WNOP—Manuel F. Campbell,	Newport	740	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
LOUISIANA				
WWEZ—O. L. McManus,	New Orleans	690	Sunday	7:45 a.m.
MICHIGAN				
WMRP—R. E. Lovelle,	Flint	1510	Sunday	1:00 p.m.
MONTANA				
KLLO—R. P. Danley,	Lewistown		Sunday	1:30 p.m.
NORTH CAROLINA				
WEGO—W. H. Horton,	Charlotte	1410	Saturday	10:05 a.m.
			Sunday	5:00 p.m.
WHOO—James L. Slay,	Kannapolis	1410	Tues.-Sat.	10:30 a.m.
			Sunday	4:30 p.m.
			Monday	5:30 p.m.
WHOO—R. C. Sansbury,	Hoskins	1410	Saturday	9:45 a.m.
WAYN—H. E. Stone,	Rockingham	900	Sunday	2:00 p.m.
WRWO—R. P. Fields,	Laurinburg	1080	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
WGWR—C. R. Jones,	Asheboro	1260	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
WGNC—R. W. Tedder,	W. Gastonia		Saturday	1:00 p.m.
—R. E. Conner,	Henderson	890	Mon.-Sat.	9:30 a.m.
			Sunday	8:30 a.m.
WLTC—Doc Wilbanks,	Gastonia	1370	Sunday	7:05 a.m.
WTSB—J. W. Powers,	Bladenboro	1340	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
WLTC—Ray Collins,	S. Gastonia	1370	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
WTSB—Carr Mercer,	Lumberton	1420	Saturday	9:00 a.m.
WJRI—Floyd Timmerman,	Lenoir		Sunday	8:30 a.m.
WLOS—H. T. Durden,	W. Asheville	1380	Sunday	12:00 m.
WCEC—G. F. Carter,	Rocky Mount	810	Tues-Sat.	9:00 a.m.
		F.M. 1440	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
WGBG—V. D. Combs,	Greensboro	980	Sunday	8:15 a.m.
WABS—B. F. Darnell,	Albemarle		Saturday	10:05 a.m.
WGBR—Young people,	Goldsboro	1400	Saturday	1:30 p.m.
WWNF—Floyd A. Boger,	Fayetteville	1230	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
WSSB—Roland Verrico,	Durham,	1490	Tues.-Sat.	4:30 p.m.
			Sunday	8:30 a.m.
NORTH DAKOTA				
KBMW—H. Casteel,	Wahpeton	1450	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
SOUTH CAROLINA				
WTYC—Odis Smith,	Clover		Sunday	2:00 p.m.
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WLBG—Grady L. Waters,	Laurens	860	Sun.-Fri.	8:30 a.m.
WFAK—G. W. Cooper,	N. Charleston	860	Sunday	8:00 a.m.
WESC—W. L. Edgar,	N. Greenville	660	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
WRHI—J. L. McCoy,	Rock Hill	1340	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
WJMX—W. J. Hodges,	Florence		Saturday	1:45 p.m.
WALD—L. J. Stone,	Walterboro	1490	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
TENNESSEE				
WIBK—Howard McGee,	Knoxville		Sunday	2:00 p.m.
WMMT—Howard Russell,	Hasten Chapel	1230	Sunday	7:15 a.m.
WMMT—Ernest Mills,	Doyle	1230	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
WIBK—J. L. Goins,	Knoxville	800	Sunday	12:00 m.
WBAC—H. D. Williams,	Cleveland	1340	Sunday	5:00 p.m.
WBAC—R. C. Cook,	Cleveland	1340	Daily	9:00 a.m.
WAPO—Thea F. Jones,	Missionary Ridge		Mon.-Fri.	11:15 a.m.
			Saturday	11:30 a.m.
			Sunday	8:00 a.m.
WAJC—J. A. Cross,	E. Chattanooga		Mon.-Fri.	4:30 p.m.
WDXB—J. D. Smith,	Chattanooga	1490	Mon.-Fri.	6:10 p.m.
			Saturday	10:00 p.m.
WAPO—Ray Hughes,	N. Chattanooga	1150	Mon.-Fri.	8:45 a.m.
WIBK—	W. Knoxville	800		2:30 p.m.
WMMT—Harry O. Kutz,	McMinnville	1230	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
			Daily	4:30 p.m.
			Saturday	9:45 a.m.
WJFG—G. R. Morris,	Tullahoma		Saturday	9:30 a.m.
WBAC—Mrs. R. C. Cook,	Cleveland	1340	Saturday	9:15 a.m.
TEXAS				
—Ernest M. Smith,	Mineral Wells	1140	Sunday	12:45 p.m.
WEST VIRGINIA				
—Ray Morgan,	Beckley	1450	Mon.-Fri.	3:45 p.m.
WOAY—W. W. Snuffer,	Oak Hill	860	Saturday	2:30 p.m.

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VERNON, Texas—A few months ago I came to Vernon and found a few saints, but they were not having any services. We went to work with them and they have a good band. We have the walls of a 30 x 64 foot church almost up. When it is completed it will have four Sunday School rooms, and the auditorium will be 30 x 50 feet. Remember us in prayer.—N. L. Suiter, Pastor.

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We have raised the ceiling two and one-half feet, built seven Sunday School rooms, a nursery and a pastor's study. It cost about $8,000.—F. W. Goff, Pastor

The New Birth - *What It Is*

REV. H. BJORGAN, NORTH PORTAL, SASK., CAN.

"But of God," John 1:13.

It is a more pleasant task to proceed to show what it is, than how to obtain it. To this end we shall point out to you a few of the many scriptures that deal with this experience, and give you, in good order, what the theologians call the concomitents of the new birth. I am partially indebted to other writers on this subject, including helps from well-known commentaries.

I. PARDON

This is the first step toward eternal life. It takes place in heaven, in the courts of God. A sinner appears before the Lord. His heart is black; his life is crooked; his soul is clothed with the tattered rags of debauchery and crime. There seems little hope for him, but he is truly penitent, and he has a wonderful Advocate, Jesus Christ the Righteous. His case is presented, his forgiveness is craved, and, my reader, if you are unsaved, I want you to get this picture. I want you to see what takes place in the courts of heaven when a sinner starts for glory. The Advocate stands between you and the Judge and points past your wretched rags and sins to the lowlands of Calvary, where, 1900 years before, the Advocate Himself paid the penalty of your sins. It is enough; "Son, they sins be forgiven thee." Gone is your burden of sin and doubt; gone is your dread of the future. Oh, the greatest joy that comes to any heart is, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." Just think of it—a sinner, wretched, lost, doomed, is now forgiven. Your pardon is written and sealed, and the signature at the foot of the document is made in ink as red as Calvary's flow.

My unsaved friend, this can be your experience just now if you will meet the conditions. It has been the joy of many a preacher to see a sinner's wretched face, streaked with tears, as he lifts his eyes to behold the face of his smiling Saviour. His voice breaks forth in joyful song, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases," Psalm 103:1-3.

II. JUSTIFICATION

The pardoned sinner still stands in the presence of God. He is forgiven, that is true. The kiss of pardon has been planted on his face, but something else must be done. Let me illustrate. In Luke, chapter fifteen, we have a picture of a loving father as he looks across his rolling fields, and, with eyes of love, recognizes in the stumbling, emaciated form approaching the house the sin-ridden boy who was once his pride and joy. He ran to him and kissed him. That kiss was the expression of pardon. But the father did not stop there. His first orders to his servants bade them bring forth the best robe and put it on the returning prodigal. No child of his would ever be humiliated in the presence of his servants by having to wear the rags of the swine pen, the symbol of his folly. So our heavenly Father seeks to clothe the pardoned sinner in a garment worthy of his newly found forgiveness. The only place where this garment can be found is at Calvary. There, many years ago, the Lord Jesus Christ took upon Himself the sin-stained clothes of humanity that He might provide a robe of righteousness for every sinner.

There we were clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and we may stand in the presence of God with all freedom and ease as one who has never committed a sin. This wonderful experience is called justification, and it satisfies God the Father. The Bible says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God," Rom. 5:1,2.

III. REGENERATION

The generation of a thing marks the beginning of its existence. To regenerate a person is to restore life to that person after he is dead. Therefore, every pardoned and justified sinner needs the act or process of regeneration.

We are "dead in trespasses and sins," Eph. 2:1,5. Thus it is easy to see that regeneration is needed. Paul declared to the Ephesians, "And you hath he quickened (made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sins." It is the quickening power of regeneration that stirs the broken chords of man's heart, causing him to lift his voice in praise to God, and placing within him a desire and a determination to serve the Saviour. "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new," 2 Cor. 5:17.

IV. ADOPTION

We have pointed out that pardon takes place in heaven, justification at Calvary and regeneration in the heart of the believer. We now come to the climax of the new birth, a phase of the experience that unites heaven and earth, and that lifts the believer's heart into the courts of glory, although his feet remain on the earth. This is adoption. The child born without a name is to be pitied. Some one has said the hardest heart can be touched by the wails of the "doorstep baby." Many a fine boy has grown to manhood with eager ambitions only to have his head bowed with shame when he learned that he did not bear the name of his father and that he did not have a respectable background. Yet many such cases have been redeemed by the prompt action of child-hungry couples who have adopted little waifs into their families and given them the protection of their own good name.

The above serves to illustrate the idea of divine adoption. When we were sinners we belonged to the family of the devil. This is not a very nice thought but it is the truth. Jesus said to the men of his day, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the works of your father ye will do." When we are pardoned, justified and regenerated, we are redeemed; that is, purchased. We are no longer in the family of the devil. We care not for his company nor pursuits. We delight not in his conversation nor association. We are in the family of God, and are glad of it. Rom. 8:15, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit

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A HAPPY SURPRISE

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stand His will. It would be sad to be taken up with the things that are worldly and unprofitable and allow the enemy to get in and cause our people not to think seriously. There is nothing on earth that will take the place of the power of God, love and unity, and we just can't afford to be careless along these lines.

May God's richest blessings be upon all of you, and remember my special request for prayer.

Editor's Supplement: While Sister Bright and I were visiting Brother Latimer a few days ago, I felt impressed to invite him to give to you a message. He agreed and I sent my secretary to take this very timely article, which reminds me of Jacob who, while leaning upon his staff, bestowed blessing after blessing upon those about him.

I am sure the entire *Evangel* family will be greatly inspired by this special benediction by one of our most venerable and worthy superannuated ministers, and that thousands throughout the Church will join in prayer for Brother Latimer.

Our front cover is graced by a picture of Brother and Sister Latimer on their Golden Anniversary, November 29, 1943. That was a great day, not only for them but for all of us who were with them. One of the most beautiful and lasting demonstrations of devotion to God, the Church, and wife to husband and husband to wife is given to us by this grand couple. We covet for them the continuation of the most choice benedictions of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

GIVE GOD A CHANCE

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When they did so, they caught so many fish that their nets broke. Can it be possible that we are fishing on the wrong side? At least, it might be worth while to try fishing another way if you are failing.

BEWARE, in this age of apostasy, formality, and prosperity, that your heart does not wander away from God. Matt. 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

A few years ago I met a young man who was a member of another church. He wanted to become a member of the Church of God, but some opposed his joining the church. After much persuasion, he became a member and later a minister. He was a fine, talented young man; his wife was also talented. One day this young man's health failed him. We wondered why God cut down this young minister who had such a powerful message, yet he became worse. Trusting God, weak, trying to preach, he went on until God called him. Just before he died, he looked into the face of Jesus and said, "Good morning, Jesus." Though he died young, he lived a victorious life.

May we yield our lives to God and the Church and work together faithfully that we, too, may say, "Good morning, Jesus," when we say good night here. Amen.

THE NEW BIRTH—WHAT IT IS

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of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father."

Now for the first time in our lives we are conscious of divine life, of a heavenly relationship, of the reality of salvation. God is the Father of His children, but only those who have been adopted can call Him Father.

Then we can pray, "Our Father which art is heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Can you, my reader, say, God is my Father; Jesus is my Saviour; yes, I have been born again?—*The Exhorter.*

THERE IS A HELL

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rich man and Lazarus, recorded in Luke 16:19-31. Here Jesus parted the veil of mystery, which man for centuries has tried vainly to penetrate, and has allowed us to look upon a scene in the other world. These two men are found living in their respective stations in life, one very rich, the other very poor, until in the course of time that inevitable event, which comes to every man, the just and unjust, overtakes them. The whole order of things seems reversed from their life on earth. Lazarus is in Abraham's bosom being comforted. The rich man is in hell being tormented. Four times throughout this account we find the word "tormented." Jesus describes the region of the lost as a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth, a place of everlasting fire, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. In the revelation which He gave John on the Isle of Patmos, John saw the smoke of their torment going up forever, so we know there is a literal burning hell. Call it Hades or Gehenna, the fact remains a place of everlasting punishment. The Lord has said it. Sinner friends, if you go to hell, you go as an intruder over the shed blood of Jesus. Get ready today to shun that awful place—hell.

On the Move for God

FRESNO, Calif.—The Fresno District is on the move forward and God is blessing each effort put forth.

The Fresno Church has just closed a good revival, with Brother and Sister Geo. Broome as evangelists. Their fine singing, in that inspiring Southern way, was a great blessing to all who attended the meetings.

Brother Broome seemed to be at his best for the full three weeks' meeting, and many were heard to say that they were helped in a wonderful way by his anointed messages.

Six have been saved and four sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost since the Assembly.

The good people have put their shoulders to the wheel and have redecorated the church inside and out. The inside walls are ivory, the floor gray, the benches mahogany, and the outside white. An automatic heat control has been installed, which keeps an even temperature.

The Clovis Church has recently closed a revival, with Brother and Sister McClung as the evangelists. They were well liked by the good people of Clovis, and their messages were an inspiration to all. At least five adults were saved and several sanctied and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Their deep spiritual life was surely a lasting example to the young people as well as to the older folks.

Goshen has a new pastor, Brother J. W. Parmenter, and the members are really encouraged about the new church they have planned to build in the near future. They have some of the lumber on the ground now, and some people who are not members are as enthusiastic as the members are.

We are looking forward to greater things for the Fresno District this year.—Lemuel Johnson, District Overseer.

Brother Johnson, I am sorry this splendid report got misplaced, causing the delay in printing.—J. D. B.

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